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REMARKS

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1. On 23 July 1953, 5 T-34 tanks, 1 JS-2 tank, 3 trucks, 1 field kitchen, and 3 boxcars of troops were detained at the Aken railroad station. 25X1

The entrained unit subsequently left toward Rietzneck-Brambach. 4

2. On 19 July, work was resumed at the Buna Plant in Merseburg. However, work was done rather slow. The tank and infantry units left toward west. The plants were occupied only by KVPs. All administration buildings in Merseburg and vicinity were still guarded by double sentries. 2 25X1

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4. On 27 July, 25X1 the quarters of the engineer unit in Apollensdorf was occupied by about 50 men. On 25 July, a shipment of 9 boxcars, each occupied by 15 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets; and 3 railroad cars loaded with beams, boards, and boxes; and others loaded with 7 trucks, 25X1 and a small amphibious vehicle passed through Wittenberg, coming from the direction of Dessau. 4 25X1

5. Troop trains observed at the Koenigsbrueck railroad station between 11 and 25 July included:

11 July. A train of 9 boxcars occupied by about 280 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets; 7 boxcars carrying equipment and 33 flatcars with sideracks carrying about 38 trucks 25X1 which arrived from the direction of Mechterstedt-Saettelstedt and was unloaded.

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14 July. A shipment of 9 field kitchens, equipment for 4 kitchens, 1 field bakery and 1 mobile delousing station were entrained by the Saner firm and left toward Frankfurt/Oder.

18 July. The Saner firm entrained 9 field kitchens for the Industrielager 14, Dresden; equipment for 7 kitchens for the Industrie Lager 5, Erfurt; and equipment for 12 kitchens for Industrie Lager 13 Halle-Doehnaue.

A train of 5 boxcars occupied by a total of 150 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets; 2 boxcars with equipment; 8 flatcars with sideracks carrying 8 x 76-mm AA guns; 10 flatcars with sideracks carrying 13 trucks; and 1 flatcar with sideracks carrying 1 field kitchen and equipment, was loaded and left toward Justerbog. [redacted]

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19 July. Nine T-34 tanks and 4 personnel carriers, [redacted] were entrained and left toward Dresden-Neustadt.

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23 July. Nine 132-mm rocket launchers [redacted] were unloaded from a freight train, which had arrived from the direction of Frankfurt/Oder. [redacted]

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A train of 4 boxcars, each occupied by 35 to 40 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets; 4 boxcars carrying equipment; 6 flatcars with sideracks, each carrying a 76-mm AA gun; and 4 flatcars with sideracks, carrying 6 trucks [redacted] was loaded and left toward Chemnitz.

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25 July. A train of 3 boxcars, each occupied by about 35 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets; 3 boxcars carrying equipment; 4 flatcars with sideracks, each carrying a 132-mm rocket launcher; and 10 flatcars with sideracks, carrying 12 trucks [redacted] arrived from the direction of Altengrabow. [redacted]

A train of 5 boxcars, each occupied by about 35 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets; 4 flatcars with sideracks, each carrying a 100-mm AT gun; 2 flatcars with sideracks, each carrying 2 x 57-mm AT guns; and 12 flatcars with sideracks, carrying 13 trucks and 4 prime movers [redacted] arrived from the direction of Altengrabow. 5

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6. Labels and railroad shipping documents indicated that the field kitchen chassis were assembled in the Karosseriewerk Dresden VVB Ifa, Section No 11, at 16 Oberstrasse, Radeberg.

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1. [redacted]

2. [redacted] Comment. Same source, since 15 July, reported twice on the Buna Plant. Tanks and mechanized units of the 21st Gds Mecz Div from the Lossa training

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grounds were employed in the suppression of the strikes. The departure toward the west of these elements tends to indicate that they returned to Lossa.

3. Comment: [redacted] the unit may have belonged to the 14th Gds Mecz Div or the 7th Gds Tank Div. [redacted]

[redacted] train
[redacted] went from Wittenberg to Justerboog on 20 July,
the unit presumably belonged to the 14th Gds Mecz Div.

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4. Comment: The 35th Engr Regt (US) stationed in Apollensdorf presumably was at exercises on the Elbe River in the Wittenberg area on 27 July. [redacted]

5. Comment: The shipments observed at the Koenigsbrueck railroad station are commented on as follows:

11 July. Troop trains which went from the Ohrdruf and Kindel troop training grounds to Koenigsbrueck were observed as early as June. The entrained troops, however, could not be identified.

18 July. It is believed to be possible for medium AAA units to conduct their firing practices at the Koenigsbrueck troop training grounds. Units of the Third Gds Mecz Army, therefore, may have been at the Koenigsbrueck troop training grounds and may have returned on 18 July, although such movements have not been indicated in reports on transportation.

23 July. The nine rocket launchers were observed at the Frankfurt/Oder border crossing point on 21 July. The train which left toward Chemnitz probably carried an AAA unit of the 6th Gds AAA Div (US).

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Information in this report tends to indicate that the first train presumably carried elements of the rocket-launcher battalion of the 8th Gds Mecz Div; and the second train a unit of the unidentified artillery brigade of the First Gds Mecz Army equipped with 100-mm AT guns.

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